IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of : Attorney Docket No. 2005 1091A

Shiro TORIZUKA et al. : Confirmation No. 1477

Serial No. 10/541,539 : Group Art Unit 1793

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WARM CONTROL ROLLING METHOD : Mail Stop: AMENDMENT

REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

The following remarks are in response to the Office Action dated September 11, 2009, the time for responding thereto being extended by one month in accordance with the fee submitted herewith. Applicants submit the following remarks in support of the patentability of the presently claimed invention over the disclosure of the reference relied upon by the Examiner in rejecting the claims.

Summary of Telephone Discussions with Examiner

Prior to issuance of the outstanding Office Action, the Examiner contacted Applicants' representative to discuss the application. The Examiner indicated that he would be withdrawing all of the rejections (from the Office Action of December 23, 2008), except for the obviousness-type double patenting rejection. The Examiner requested that Applicants prepare and file a Terminal Disclaimer, which would place the application in condition for allowance.

The Examiner then issued the outstanding Office Action (dated September 11, 2009), which contains only the double patenting rejection.

Applicants' representative attempted to contact the Examiner on January 8, 2010 to discuss the outstanding rejection. The information which would have been discussed during the telephone conversation is set forth below.